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STATE FOR IO/UNESCO DOUGLAS ROHN, IO/S, L/UNA

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SUBJECT: USUNESCO: GUIDANCE REQUEST ON FUNDING
STIPULATIONS REGARDING PARIAS STATES

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1. This is an urgent guidance request, see paragraph three.

2. The director of UNESCO's Division of Basic and Engineering Sciences, Maciej Nalecz, has asked via a letter to Ambassador Oliver if U.S. International Contributions for Scientific, Educational, and Cultural Activities (ICSECA) funds provided to the International Council for Science (ICSU) for FY 04 are exonerated from restrictions concerning the use of U.S. funding (text of letter in paragraph 4). Nalecz's letter notes that that U.S. funding provided to UNESCO was given with the proviso that funds not be used for programs and activities in Libya, Iran, Cuba, Burma, the Democratic Republic of Korea, Syria, and the PLO, or projects whose purpose is to provide benefits to the PLO or entities associated with it; in his letter, Nalecz notes that he is relaying a request for a waiver of this proviso from ICSU. Note: In 2004, the State Department asked UNESCO to transfer 270,000 USD in ICSECA funds to ICSU to promote its priority themes (reftel). End note.

3. Mission requests guidance on an urgent basis as to whether U.S. funds transmitted via ICSU can be exonerated from the restrictions concerning the use of USG funds, including using them to provide support to institutions or staff of institutions located in countries listed in para 2 to take part in activities outside these country.

4. Text of letter: Madam, I am writing concerning the extra-budgetary contributions the US Government generously provided to UNESCO in 2004 and, more particularly, the proviso laid down in the letter from the State Department that none of the funds from the US proportionate share be used for programmes and activities in Libya, Iran, Cuba, Burma, the Democratic Republic of Korea, Syria and the PLO, or projects whose purpose is to provide benefits to the PLO or to entities associated with it.

The Executive Director of ICSU has informed us that the independent, non-governmental status of ICSU makes it regrettable that UNESCO's involvement as a conduit for these funds should result in limitations such as these, and has indicated that when ICSU received US funds via the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) it was tied down to no such restrictions.

I should be grateful if you would inform me whether ICSU is exonerated from the restrictions concerning the use of your Government's funds, including using them to provide support to institutions or staff of institutions in the above-mentioned countries to take part in activities outside their country.

Accept, Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration. End text of letter.

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